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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of  
*Vonderwalde et al.*

Examiner: U. T. Ho

Group Art Unit: 3731

For: **STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS**

Serial No.: 09/522,336

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**AMENDMENT AND**  
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
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Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 3/24/04, in San Francisco, CA.  
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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, please amend  
the above-identified application as indicated below.